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DATA ON I-W RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION COMPILED

To date about 2,500 conscientious objectors are in I-W, serving in many different projects. As the names of these men become known, NSB has been sending a questionnaire to discover the religious affiliation of the I-W men. The men are not asked to sign this questionnaire if they do not wish to do so, since it is purely for statistical purposes. To date (June 27) 1597 have either responded to the questionnaire or their religious affiliation was known through other sources, such as the peace churches' headquarters. Following is a breakdown:

Mennonite (Amish included)	1210
Church of the Brethren	156
Old German Baptist	56
Society of Friends	28
Church of Christ	25
Jehovah's Witnesses	24
Church of God	17
Brethren in Christ	12
Christadelphian	10
Pentecostal	9
Methodist	7
Congregational	6
Baptist	4
Dawn Bible Students	4
Independent Fundamental	3
Episcopal	2
Gospel Tabernacle	2
Missionary Baptist	2
Apostolic Christian	1
Christian Science	1
Church of God and Christ	1
Church of God in Christ	1
Church of the First Born	1
Disciples of Christ	1
Essenes of Kosmon	1
Evangelical and Reformed	1
Evangelical United Brethren	1
First Century Gospel	1
Free Methodist Church	1
Missionary Church Association	1
Mormon	1
Order of Aaron	1
Pilgrim Holiness Church	1
Plymouth Brethren	1
Presbyterian	1
United Missionary	1
Unity School of Christianity	1
Church of God and Saints of Christ	1

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Doctors' Draft Extended Two Years Recognizes CPS As Active Service

NEW BOARD MEMBER

The Reverend Dr. Robert Fister Weiskotten, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Richmond Hill, New York City, was elected to the Board of Directors on Wednesday, March 4, at the combined meeting of the Board of Directors and Consultative Council. Rev. Weiskotten took his A. B. Degree from Wittenberg College, the M. A. from the University of Pennsylvania and the L. H. D. from Hartwick College in New York.

Before coming to his present pastorate he served churches in Detroit, Michigan, and New York City.

He is chairman of the Lutheran Peace Fellowship and served as the first Director of the Church Peace Mission. He was an exchange preacher to Great Britain in 1950.

A two-year extension of the so-called "doctors' draft law," from July 1, 1953, to July 1, 1955, is the most significant single provision of Public Law 84 as signed by the President on June 29, 1953. Except for several amendments and additions, this law simply extends the already existing doctors' draft.

Recognizes CPS

Of considerable import to conscientious objectors—doctors and others—is a new provision which gives official recognition to Civilian Public Service performed by conscientious objectors during World War II, in determining a special registrant's priority for call. This recognition is established in a new paragraph which defines "active duty" and "active service" to include service in the national health, safety, or interest performed by conscientious objectors in the current civilian work program and work of national importance performed in Civilian Public Service during World War II. In effect this will mean that a number of conscientious objector doctors earlier in priority III and eligible for assignment will be placed into priority IV. Several will be shifted out of priority I, and a few already assigned will be eligible for immediate release (the law provides also that those special registrants already drafted who would not be subject to call under the new provisions shall be released as soon as practicable but in no event later than ninety days after the effective date of this Act).

Equal recognition for civilian service performed by conscientious objectors in determining "veteran" status is a significant precedent in Selective Service legislation. In the absence of a similar provision in the basic Selective Service

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DOCTORS' DRAFT EXTENDED

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law, some thirty regular registrants—not under the doctors' draft—have again been assigned to civilian work in spite of Civilian Public Service during World War II, although several have been given administrative releases. The National Service Board and other church groups testified before the congressional committees in the interest of the CPS provision.

Priorities Modified

The four priorities according to which special registrants are liable for service have also been modified somewhat by the new law. Priorities I and II include those doctors who participated in specialist training programs administered by the military services during World War II, or who were deferred from military duty for the purpose of pursuing a course of instruction in the fields of medicine, dentistry, or allied specialties. Those who have had less than 90 days of active service are in the first priority and those having 90 days but less than 17 months of service are placed in the second priority. The old law provided credit only for service rendered subsequont to participation in the specialized training programs or subsequent to deferment for training, and retained in priority II special registrants with up to 21 months of active service.

The third priority includes all special registrants who have had no active service since September 16, 1940. This group includes not only the thousands of practicing doctors who were already established in civilian practice prior to the beginning of the war and remained in such practice throughout the wartime period, but also the more recent non-veteran graduates.

Priority IV includes all the special registrants not placed in one of the other three priorities—in other words, those who have had active service and did not participate in the military specialist training programs and were not deferred for training, and those who did participate in the military specialist training programs or were deferred for training but have had over 17 months of prior service.

Exempted With 21 Months

Another important provision in the new law is a further restriction on the call of priority IV special registrants. No person who has been in active service for a period of twenty-one months or more since September 16, 1940, shall be liable for induction or re-induction, except in time of war or national emergency declared by Congress.

Sliding Scale Fixes Length of Service

A "sliding scale" providing for four different periods of obligated service will apply to those special registrants with less than 21 months of prior service who may be eligible for recall under the new law. The term of service, depending on the amount of prior service, will be as follows: (A) 24 months if less than 9 months of active service (B) 21 months if at least 9 but less than 12 months of such service; (C) 18 months if at least 12 but less than 15 months of such service, and (D) 15 months if at least 15 or more months of such service.

Other provisions of the new doctors' draft law continue the $100 a month equalization pay for physicians and dentists called to active military service, extend the same to veterinarians, and define further the functions and responsibilities of the advisory committees.

Quotas Filled From Priority III

The majority of physicians and dentists to fill current Department of Defense calls will be priority III special registrants, as priorities I and II have been largely exhausted. Priority III dentists were already included in the quotas prior to the end of 1952 and may be called to the age of 43. Priority III physicians are being called only if they were born after August 31, 1922 (less than 31 years of age). These age limits are administrative determinations and may be raised to the statutory limit of 51 when the demand necessitates.

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Not Fully Accurate

As in the case of all statistical procedures many variables enter this picture which must be taken into account when evaluating the above figures. First, men of certain religious backgrounds may have had resistance against sending in the questionnaire. This may mean that the number of certain groups is proportionately low, and in others proportionately high. Second, it is possible that

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Above photo taken in April shows NSB workers. Left to right, front row: Ann Hunt, office secretary; Betsy Yount, Brethren Volunteer; Orietta Brandt, Mennonite Volunteer, who left April 17 to take up work with the Mennonite Central Committee, and Verna Rapp, Office Manager, who left June 1 to take up work with the Evangelical and Reformed Church headquarters in Cleveland. Back row: Karl Yount, Brethren Volunteer; Elmer Neufeld, Associate Secretary; Robert Myers, Legal Advisor; Richard Coffman, Brethren Volunteer; Russell Miller, Accountant, and A. Stauffer Curry, Executive Secretary. Paul Binder, not in picture, joined the group on June 22.

Job Opportunities For COs

Group workers under the general auspices of National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers. Specific local agencies are under the supervision of various church and charitable groups. Salaries range from $2500 to $3500. Apply National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers, 129 East 52nd Street, New York 22, N. Y.

Attendants, nurses, physicians, dairy workers, and food service workers. Salary range $160 to $455 per month. Single employees at a nominal monthly fee can have room, board, laundry and medical care. Apply New Jersey State Hospital at Marlboro, New Jersey.

Laborer, porter, attendant, gardener, maintenance, X-ray technician, lab technician, male nurse. Apply Cuyahoga County Hospital, Harvard Road, Cleveland 22, Ohio.

Clerk-typist and bacteriology lab technician. Apply Children's Hospital, Cincinnati 29, Ohio.

Orderlies. Apply Fairview Park Hospital, 3305 Franklin Blvd., Cleveland 13, Ohio.

Porters, orderlies. Apply Euclid-Glenville Hospital, East 185th St. and Lake Erie, Euclid 19, Ohio.

Janitor, dishwasher, orderlies, office worker, clinical lab technician with B. S. degree and one year hospital experience. Apply Jewish Hospital Association, Cincinnati 29, Ohio.

Co-director of group work activities. Community center work with men and boys. Apply Dayton Christian Center, 1352 West Riverview Avenue, Dayton 7, Ohio.

Yardmen and storeroom helper. Salary is $175 and $165 per month, respectively. Apply City Hospital of Akron, Market and Arch Streets, Akron 4, Ohio.

Surgical technicians, orderlies, a man to wash walls. Apply St. Mary's Mercy Hospital, School of Nursing, 540 Tyler St., Gary, Indiana.

Professional orderlies, painters, janitors, dishwashers. Apply St. Anthony Hospital, 1021 South Sixth Street, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Psychologists, psychiatrists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and nurses, trained attendants who can qualify for supervisory positions. Apply Larue D. Carter Memorial Hospital, 1315 West 10th St., Indianapolis 7, Indiana.

Men with college degrees. Man with major in chemistry, man with major in geology, man with at least background in chemistry or bacteriology. Salary of $130 per month. Apply Kansas State Board of Health, Topeka, Kansas.

Atendant nurse, hospital aide, general duty nurse, R. N., porter. Apply Cambridge Sanatorium, 799 Concord Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Hospital orderlies, laundry workers. Orderlies receive $200 per month and the laundry workers $180. Apply Florence Crittenton Hospital, 1550 Tuxedo Avenue, Detroit 6, Michigan.

Parking lot attendants, porters, orderlies, maintenance personnel. Salaries range from $38 to $51.50 per week. Apply Harper Hospital, 3825 Brush Street, Detroit 1, Michigan.

Office manager. Requires an accounting background, with supervisory experience. Apply Lincoln General Hospital, 21315 South 17th Street, Lincoln 2, Nebraska.

Store clerks and managers, truck drivers, laundry worker, furniture supervisor, cabinet market, upholsterer. Apply Goodwill Industries, 512 S. E. Mill Street, Portland 14, Oregon.

Attendants. Salary $75 per month. Apply Utah State Hospital, Box 270, Provo, Utah.

Recreational supervisors, store clerk, night watchman, school teachers. Salary $75 per month plus room and board. Apply Utah State Industrial School, Ogden, Utah.

Farm help. Starting wage $135 per month plus board, single room and laundry. Apply Chippewa County Hospital, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

Social workers. Should be a graduate from accredited school of social work. Salary range—$3500 to $3700. Apply Catholic Welfare Bureau, P. O. Box 857, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Orderly, lab assistant, male nurses, evening office worker. Apply Bellin Memorial Hospital, 742 South Webster Avenue, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Barber, gardener, cook, janitor, manual training teacher, attendants. Room, board, laundry facilities available on grounds. Pay scale in general begins around $150 per month. Apply Bethesda Lutheran Home, Box 296, Watertown, Wisconsin.

Storekeeper. Salary $2796 per year with maintenance deduction of $396 for same period. Apply Cleveland Boys' School, Hudson, Ohio.

Firemen, engineers, porters, wall washer, laundry men, orderlies, cooks, dishwashers, pot washers. Salaries range from $150 to $250 per month. Meals offered in cafeteria at cost. Apply The Woman's Hospital, 1940 East 101st Street, Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Farm laborer and food service workers. One food service worker would necessarily need to be a woman. Opportunity for employment of couple in this area of work. Apply Apple Creek State Hospital, Apple Creek, Ohio.

Cook. For man with cooking experience salary would start at $185 per month. Apply Methodist Hospital and School of Nursing, 119 West Lewis Street, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Attendants. Provide complete maintenance and cash salary of $140 per month. Apply Staten Island Hospital, 101 Castleton Avenue, Staten Island 1, New York.

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men from certain isolated religious groups, particularly in states where there are not many C. O.'s, have not yet been assigned to any kind of work, making the figures for these groups proportionately low. Third, some groups encourage their men to volunteer for I-W service, making the preliminary figures for these groups proportionately high.

NSB is putting forth continuous efforts to complete this statistical picture. It will help a great deal if I-W men could be encouraged to send us a record of their religious affiliation.

EMPLOYERS PRAISE I-Ws

A personnel officer for a large hospital recently reported enthusiastically about the services which conscientious objectors are rendering. Following are excerpts from her letter:

"We are very enthusiastic about our I-O employees, of whom we now have 28 at General Hospital. All have proved entirely satisfactory, although most of them are farm boys, and adjustment to hospital jobs is not always easy for them. Problems are so negligible that probably homesickness during the initial adjustment period is the most serious. As hospitals normally are plagued with turnover in their many low-paid jobs for men, the I-O program has been a great boon to us, and we are enjoying what amounts to an abnormally happy employment situation."

FROM HERE AND THERE

According to a recent New York Daily News release, Prof. Einstein has refused an honorary membership in a CO group in Ulm, Germany.

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An article "I Was an American" has been sent to us for inclusion in THE REPORTER, but space prevents publication. Written by an ex-CPS man Allan Farson, who fled to Mexico from CPS, it describes his work in his printing establishment, his loss of American citizenship and other developments. Five cents sent to NSB will bring you this article.

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The New York WRL recently had a symposium by three novelists who wrote about COs. They were Irwin Stark, writer of "The Invisible Island", Jeb Stuart, author of "The Objector", and Donald Wetzel, who wrote "A Wreath and a Curse."

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A recent "The American Psychologist" accurately describes General Hershey as a speaker. It says, "The General is highly adaptive to the reactions of his audience and intersperces his statements with witticisms and homely illustrations that seem discursive, but usually end up in exactly the impression he has wished to achieve."

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The Illinois State Director has repeatedly stated he will not place COs in any setting where they would "breed a new generation of COs".

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A second conference on the Church and Peace will be held in Detroit, December 7-10, 1953. It is sponsored by the Church Peace Mission.

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The University of Minnesota Press recently released "Student Deferment in Selective Service". It may be helpful to COs.

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A church official recently recommended that CO boys below draft age prepare statements of their beliefs, read them to church meetings, have them notarized and submit them to the local boards upon registering.

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A list of questions asked a registrant by a local board recently include questions on registrant's attitude on sports, hunting, ownership of guns, use of self-defense, attitude on medical service in the armed forces, and the like.

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A nearly-verbatim copy of the report of a personal appearance of registrant TMB before his local board is available from NSB for 10 cents. This will be very helpful to CO registrants.

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The organization "Veterans Against War" is making significant progress. Interested persons should contact Frank R. Keller, 50 Franklin Avenue, Souderton, Pa.

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"Which Will It Be—G.I. or C.O.?", a 10-page leaflet, is still available from War Resisters League, 5 Beekman Street, New York 38, N. Y.

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Some requests for posters telling of the CO provision and the work of NSBRO have recently been received. If sufficient additional requests are received, posters may be prepared.

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Rodney Davis, I-W registrant now on duty with Bethany Hospital, 3434 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, Illinois, has written a detailed account of his negotiations with the local board and state director. He will probably supply a copy to any registrant desiring it.

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A recent report indicates that one local board felt strongly that I-Os should have no choice of types of work and that a man should not work for his church.

EMPLOYERS PRAISE I-Ws

In a communication from a State Board of Health the following sentence occurs:

"The three conscientious objectors we now employ are excellent in every respect, and we are boosters for employment of such persons."

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A letter from a state hospital has the following to say:

"At present we have 21 I-O registrants in our training class for attendants. Although they have been here too short a time for us to evaluate their services, they have shown above average ability to grasp the material presented in the training program."

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A Jewish children's home writes:

"I am very happy to advise you we now have five I-Ws working for us and consider their services most effective. They are employed in capacities of lawn men, maintenance porters and dishwashers and accept their responsibilities very keenly."

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A letter from a State Board of Health says:

"At the present time we have employed one physician who is in this category and he is doing a very fine job. In fact, we hope to keep him with us after he has satisfied his obligation to the Selective Service Board."

DISCUSSION ON COs AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

"The Moral and Legal Aspects of Conscientious Objection" was the subject for the Religious Round Table sponsored by the Law School of the Catholic University of America, Sunday afternoon March 8.

The legal history of conscientious objection—from colonial times—was very ably presented by Rev. Francis J. Powers, Assistant Professor and Acting Head of the Department of Politics at Catholic University. A provision for exemption of conscientious objectors adopted by the Continental Congress of 1775 represents the first federal policy on this subject. Actually the disposition of conscientious objectors was primarily regulated by the States to the time of the Civil War.

Rev. Powers emphasized the fact that the moral law does govern war—war is not beyond morality. If a war if found to be unjust and an individual Catholic's knowledge on this point is certain, he must be a conscientious objector. A distinction was made between an "invincibly erroneous" conscience and a conscience which is objectively correct—in conformity with higher law. The state has an obligation to respect the erroneous conscience only in so far as it can without sacrificing the common good.

Reference was made to the 135 Catholic conscientious objectors during World War II and to a dissertation on this subject by Gordon C. Zahn at Catholic University.

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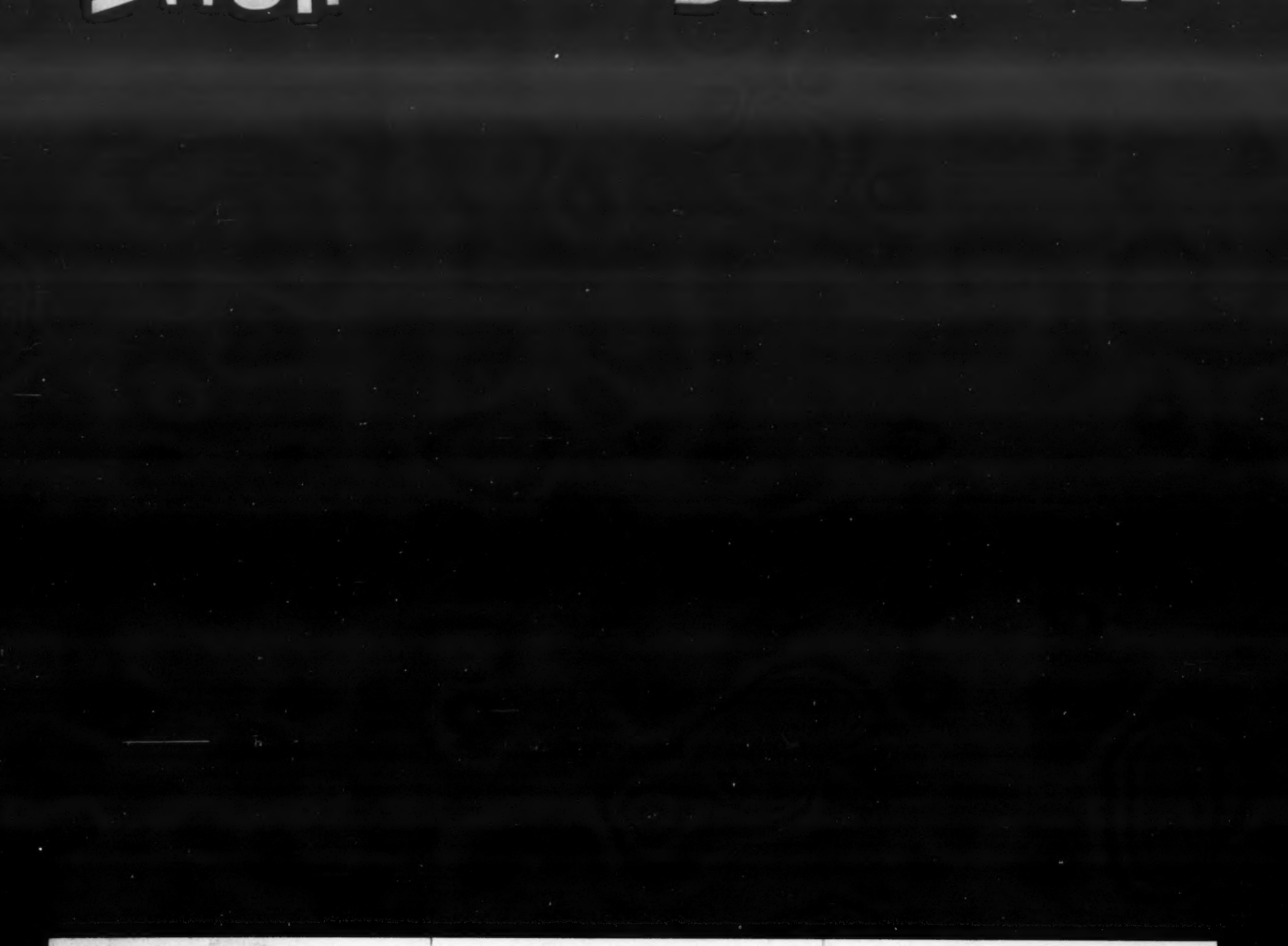
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